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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: HARASSMENT OF EMBOFF PRESEL

1. ON JULY 29 ACTING POL COUNS PROTESTED ORALLY TO MFA USA DIVISION'S YURIY KAPRALOV (-ACTING CHIEF OF BILATERAL SECTION) OVER HARASSMENT OF EMBOFF JOSEPH PRESEL. WE MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS: IN PREVIOUS THREE DAYS PRESEL HAD BEEN FOLLOWED BY LIGHT GREEN VOLGA; OCCUPANTS ALSO FOLLOW CLOSELY ON FOOT WITH CAMERAS WHENEVER PRESEL IS ON FOOT; WE ASSUME THE OCCUPANTS OF THE CAR ARE ON OFFICIAL ASSIGNMENT SINCE THEY FOLLOW PRESEL FREELY INTO PARKING LOTS OF DIPLOMATIC APARTMENT BUILDINGS AND HOLD LONG CONVERSATIONS WITH MILITIAMEN ON DUTY; WE EXPECT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT WILL CAUSE THIS HARASSMENT TO CEASE IMMEDIATELY.

2. KAPRALOV LISTENED AND, WHEN TOLD THAT NO PAPER WOULD BE HANDED OVER, HAD ACTING POL COUNS REPEAT PROTEST. KAPRALOV THEN STATED HE COULD NOT ACCEPT THE PROTEST. HE SAID HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE MATTER, THAT THERE WAS NOTHING TO BE DONE AND IN ANY CASE THE PROBLEM WOULD SOON BE OVER, SINCE PRESEL "IS LEAVING SOON."

3. JULY 30 AT NOON THE SURVEILLANTS LEFT PRESEL ALONE UNTIL MIDDAY AUGUST 1, WHEN THEY RETURNED AS BEFORE. WHILE AT FIRST THE LACK OF TAILS SEEMED TO

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BE RELATED TO THE PROTEST, THEIR RETURN AFTER THE WEEKEND LEADS US TO BELIEVE THE SECURITY SERVICES MAY SIMPLY HAVE BEEN SUFFERING FROM AUGUST MANPOWER SHORTAGES OVER THE WEEKEND. WE EXPECT THE TAILING TO CONTINUE UNTIL PRESEL LEAVES AUGUST 4.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT

DEPARTMENT SHOULD CALL IN SOVIET EMBASSY SPECIFICALLY
ON THIS MATTER BUT IF APPROPRIATE OCCASION ARISES TO
RAISE IT WITH SOVIETS IN WASHINGTON, WE RECOMMEND
THAT DEPARTMENT DO SO.
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